RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1908.

### PRICE TWO CENTS

# TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE CRASH DOWN TO EARTH

Bleachers at Roanoke Fair Collapse as Crowd Rises to Witness Exciting Race.

## 25 PERSONS BADLY HURT: ONE FATALLY

work before the fair, and the bleachers would not have collapsed but for the overcrowding and the sudden rising of

the crowd.

The collapse occurred about 3:30 o'clock in the presence of fully 20.000 people from all sections of this and adjoining States. When the stands fell hundreds rushed to the rescue.

# IS HELD UP FOR \$3,700

After Sale of Horses in Raicigh, C. E.
Mangum is Relieved of Cash.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DURHAM, N. C., September 24.—
C. E. Mangum, a liveryman, of Roxboro Street, has reported to the police that he was robbed last night between 10 and 11 o'clock of \$3.700. Just below East Durham, near an old brick yard. His person showed rough treatment when he presented himself at a physician's office to be treated. He had two builet holes in his left arm.
His story is that he had been to Raleigh, and had collected the money on horses he had sold, on notes and mortgages, and that he was nearly asleep when he reached this brick yard. He was in a single buggy, leading four horses. Three men ran out in the road. One held the horse he was driving, while the other two pulled him out of the buggy. They choked him before he could draw his pistol, threw him to the ground, and took his purse. They nearly tore his coat off, and then began to fire on him.

He thinks they used his own pistol.

HARRIMAN MAY GET S. A. L. Has Engineer Wallace Making Inspec-

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ATLANTA, GA., September 21.—Edward H. Harriman is declared to be about to secure control of the Seaboard Air Line. John F. Wallace, in the employ of Mr. Harriman, is now making a tour of the system, and his report to Mr. Harriman upon its physical condition will, it is believed, have much to do with determining Mr. Harriman's course. Mr. Wallace, who was formerly chief engineer of the Panama Canal, came here last night in his private car, after having made an inspection of that portion of the system lying to the south of Savannah. He was met by Superintendent Grimshaw of this division of the Seaboard, and this morning the two left to inspect that portion of the system lying west of Savannah. This embraces the line to Montgomery, Ala., with a branch to Columbia, Ga.

When the trip over the western division shall have been concluded the expert employed by Mr. Harriman will return to Savannah and then visit Columbia, S. C., Augusta, Ga., Atlanta, Ga., and other cities until he has completed his investigation.

Mr. Wallace was formerly general manager of the Illinois Central, and has logg been close to Mr. Harriman The latter knows he can rely upon this report Mr. Wallace may make. The Seaboard is now in the hands of receivers, and it is known that Mr. Harriman will be a bidder when it is offered for sale.

LAWYER FIGHTS A ROUND

The first report that came to the city was that the grandstand had collapsed, and as nearly every business man had a wife in the grounds, the excitement in the city was greater than that at the Fair Grounds.

Crowded to Bleachers.

The bleachers were erected for the baseball games, and were used for colored people. To-day the grandstand was packed, and the white people crowded them. The fair people claim that carpenters went over all the woodwork before the fair, and the bleachers.

Rudolph Lawhorn was to-day convicted of criminal assault and his punshand as nearly every business man had on Mrs. Ollie Hickman, wife of George Hickman, of Midvale, Reckbridge county. The date was December 7, 1907, at the home of the victim, while the baseball games, and were used for colored people. To-day the grandstand was packed, and the white people crowded them. The fair people claim that carpenters went over all the woodwork before the fair, and the bleachers.

der of his wife (who was a cousin of Mrs. Hickman), and after three trials he was convicted of manslaughter.

## TAKE OVER BATTLEFIELDS

SpotsylVanians Ask Forestry Commission to Confiscate Lands.

special to The Times Dispatch.

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# TO CITY COUNCIL

Appeal by Chairman Hutzler Heard Informally, and No Action Taken-Children to Be

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and that the Aormai School building be abandoned. Sixth—That the four-hour acasions begin daily at \$:15 A. M. and 12:30 P.

M.
Seventh—That the A and B grades in each of these buildings be located in rested rooms near their present quar-

Superintendent Fox reported the registration for this session as 8,660 white pupils and 4.819 colored pupils, making a total enrolment of 13,478.

# TO ABANDON TWO SHADOW GOMPERS TELLS PRESIDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OFFER BRIBE STATEMENT FALLS

Charges and Lays Them at Door of Van Cleave.

## OFFERED PLUMP SUM TO BETRAY HIS FRIENDS

Head of Federation Tells Astonishing Story of Advances Made to Him by Broughton Bran-

make a cheep martyr of himself."

—James W. Van Cleave.

W. ASHINGTON, D. C., September 24.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American prederation of Labor, to-day introduced the name of former Secretary Taft and made serious charges against W. J. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers. The charges were made as a part of Mr. Gompers's testimony in connection with the proceedings against himself, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the federation, in the Bucks Stove and Range contempt case. Mr. Gompers was at the time under cross-examination at the hands of his attorney, Jacks on H. Ralston.

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other cities than their homes. Money has also been used to bribe represent ative labor men to cease their connection with the labor organizations and direct their activities to the Nationa Manufacturers' Association. They have not only been offered bribes in money but have been offered substantial safeguards for the future."

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After giving the details of his own pursuit by detectives, Mr. Gompers told of being approached in New York by a man named Broughton Brandenburg, who, he said, had attempted in 1997 to bribe him in the Interest of Mr. Van Cleave. "He said," Mr. Gompers continued, "that he was friendly to me, and he thought that Mr. Van Cleave and myself should have a better understanding, and offered to bring about a meeting between us to establish more agreeable relations."

Mr. Gompers stated that he told Brandenburg that he would be glad to meet Mr. Van Cleave, as it had always been his policy to encourage friendly conferences in matters involving labor disputes. After Mr. Gompers returned to Washington, he said that he received several communications from Brandenburg, and stated that this correspondence had led to an agreement for a meeting in New York, He was accompanied to New York by Vice-Presidents Duncan and Huber, both of whom had advised him to carry out the agreement for a conference.

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Relating the particulars of the second meeting in New York, Mr. Gompers said Brandenburg disclosed to him his purpose, saying that he knew it to he the intention of Mr. Van Cleave to destroy his (Gompers) character, but that he, Brandenburg, had persuaded Van Cleave that it would be better in the interest of Van Cleave's purposes to make an ally of Gompers, and to prevail upon him to betray the secrets of the Federation of labor, "revealing," Mr. Gompers added, "whatever infor-(Continued on Eighth Page.)

WEATHER.

Condition of Buildings Makes Labor Leader Makes Grave State Superintendent Cameron Brands Charge as Wilful, Malignant Slander.

## HASKELL TO CHICAGO AND WILL SEE BRYAN

Charges Affecting Conduct of Democratic Treasurer to Be Thoroughly Investigated. Statement Issued in Reply to Hearst-Order

of Hitchcock.

UCHRIE, OKLA., September
24.—State Superintendent of
Public Instruction E. D. Cameron, in a 2,000-word letter to
President Roosevolt, declares
the charges made against Governor system for personal ends is a bar falsehood and that the President, fluding he could not prove his charge against Haskell on his own record descends to the dirt and fifth of a

ward politician to wilfully and malig-nantly slander the educational system of Oklahoma." of Oklahoma."
"The President," continues Mr. Cam-eron, "is a flagrant falsifler, a ward politician and a four-flusher."

Haskell Leaves for Chicago. Haskell Leaves for Chicago.
GUTHRIE, OKLA., September 24.—
Governor Charles N. Haskell, treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, left at 5 P. M. to-day for Chicago, accompanied by State Treasurer J. A. Menefee. They go to confer with the national committee and Mr. Bryan with reference to the charges made against the Governor by President Roosevelt and William R. Hearst. A thorough investigation of the charges is to be made.

(b) To legalize national income

"(c) To constitutionalize an employers' liability act.
"(d) To allow the States the right to prohibit interstate commerce shipments of convict-made goods into States whereby State law convict labor is prohibited from competing, with free labor.
"I wrote to you when these resolutions were introduced in Congress and appealed to you for your official and editorial assistance. You ignored both. Your services might have been very beneficial on that occasion. Such things as this lead me to believe that you are a loud talker, but not a reliable actor.
"If Oklahoma Democracy has done in two years practically all you recommend in your platform, why don't you help those who do things instead of opposing their efforts? In Oklahoma we believe that the organization of labor is indispensable to elevating humanity and protecting the toiler. We want respect for these principles to be the part of the education of childhood, and the practice in mature years. Therefore we have begun by requiring the union label to appear on our common school books. No doubt three-fourths of the common school books are used by children of those who toil in the field, the mines, the shops.
"Now, let those who buy these books join the Oklahoma plan, and the union label will be on every book in the Union. Even in Oklahoma it cannot all be done at once but as the good work is started, let us all keep it going. Have you done as much? If so, when and where?
"The Oklahoma Constitution is conceded by all to be a model basic law in defense of a human right and happiness. Have you done as much? If so, when and where?
"Results speak louder than promises; read the following quotations from the annual report of the State Federation of Labor, unanimously adopted last June: The above, we believe, is a record in legislation which has never been equaled by any other State in the Union and the following quotations from the annual report of the State Federation of Labor, unanimously adopted last June: The above, we believe is a record in legislation which has never

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# BLANKET OF FOG OVER BAY

Barge Run Down and Sunk, and Big Steamers Have to Anchor. NEW YORK, September 24.—Shipping movements were rendered extremely dangerous by a dense blanket of fog movements were rendered extremely dangerous by a dense blanket of fog that hung over the bay and city to-day. To-night a score or more of Steamers, including a number of Atlantic liners, are fog-bound outside the harbor, and in the thick fog in the lower bay the West Indian fruit steamer Senator ran down and sank the barge Josephus. The Senator, which arrived here yesterday, after having experienced a rough voyage from the West Indies, during which her captain was washed overboard and her cargo ruined, was outward bound for the dumping grounds to set rid of her load of dried bananas when the collision occurred. The barge Josephus was in tow of the tug Patience. So thick was the fog that the pilot of the steamer could not see the low lying barge until his vessel was upon it, and the collision could not then be averted.

During the evening the fog lifted for a brief period, and several West Indian and coastwise steamers passed out, but the larger vessels were compelled to remain at anchorage.

The Mauretania, which started yesterday for Queenstown, was still anchored in Gravesend BBy at a late hour to-night, and the Deutschland, outward bound, which sailed during the day, had come to anchore down the bay, and is awaiting the lifting of the fog. The Prinz Eitel Frederick, the Carmania and other large liners inbound are anchored off Sandy Hook, unable to come in.

### JURY'S RIGHT TO PRAY

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
KNOXVILLE, TENN., September 24.
—The Supreme Court of Tennessee will
be called upon to say whether or not
a jury erred in holding a prayer service before deedling the murder case
of J. C. Duncan, of Chattanooga, The
evidences before the Supreme Court and
the arguments of Judge Shepherd for
Duncan and Attorney-General Charles\*
T. Cates, Jr., showed that the jury in
the case had, upon receiving the charge
of the court, at the suggestion of one
of their number, held prayers before
deliberating on the case, and Judge
Shepherd assigns this fact as an error.
The jury reported a life sentence for
Duncan. Attorney-General Cates held
that the jury in no wise prejudiced
to Duncan's rights by their prayer service, and this seems to be the error relied on for a reversal of the trial court.

one of the man's shoe heels off.

TWO KILLED, FOUR INJURED,
IN WRECK ON SOUTHERN.

ATLANTA, GA., September 24.—Two persons were killed and four oters injured when southbound passenger train No. 41 on the Southern Railway ran into an open switch near Duncan, S. C., late to-day. The engine and baggage car and one coach turned over, the engineer and fireman being killed. Three passengers and the baggage master were more or less seriously injured. The train is a local which runs from Charlotte, N. C., to Toccoa, Ga.

NORFOLK VETERAN DIES
FROM EFFECTS OF GAS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch,)
NORFOLK, VA, September 24.—J.
Frank Cutchins, aged sixty-seven, and a Confederate veteran, was found unconscious this morning at his home. No. 24 Outen Street, Huntersville. An open gas fet told the story. Whether it was suicide or an accident its not known, ita died in a few hours.

# BRYAN URGES SQUARE DEAL BY PRESIDENT

Asks Roosevelt to Practice for Six Weeks What He Has Talked Seven Years.

## TAFT ONLY IMITATOR IN MATTER OF REFORM

In Speech Contrasting Private and Public Records Democratic Nominee Declares His Opponent Has Not Advocated a Reform Which He Had Not Previously Urged.

# Bryan Will Make Answer

CINCINNATI, OHIO, September 24.—Mr. Bryan will make answer to the letter of President Roosevelt, replying to his telegram in reference to charges against Governor Haskell's alleged interest in the Standard Oll Company. Mr. Bryan dild not indicate to-day when he would find time to write his answer or in what manner he would do it. or in what manner he would do it, whether by letter or by a statement, but he indicated that his reply would be made as speedly as he could do so.

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